

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

JACOB SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

FIRSTENERGY CORP. AND
FIRSTENERGY SERVICE CO.,

Defendants.

BRIAN HUDOCK AND CAMEO
COUNTERTOPS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FIRSTENERGY CORP., *et al.*,

Defendants.

JAMES BULDAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

FIRSTENERGY CORP., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case Nos. 2:20-cv-03755, 03954, 03987

Judge Edmund A. Sargus

Magistrate Judge Kimberly A. Jolson

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL R. GLADMAN IN SUPPORT OF
FIRSTENERGY DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO RECONSIDER
OR VACATE ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CERTIFY CLASS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Michael R. Gladman, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and over twenty-one years of age.
2. I am an attorney in the Columbus, Ohio office of Jones Day, located at 325 John H. McConnell Blvd, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio and am admitted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.
3. I represent Defendants FirstEnergy Corp., FirstEnergy Service Company, Steven E. Strah, and K. Jon Taylor (collectively, the “FirstEnergy Defendants”) in the above-captioned matter and submit this declaration in support of the FirstEnergy Defendants’ Motion to Reconsider or Vacate Order Granting Motion to Certify Class (“Motion to Reconsider”).
4. **Exhibit A** to the FirstEnergy Defendants’ Motion to Reconsider is a true and correct copy of the September 2021 email exchange between the parties.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 12th day of November 2021 in Columbus, Ohio.

/s/ Michael R. Gladman
Michael R. Gladman